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LETTER DATED 17 APRIL 1997 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As you are aware, Professor Han Sung-Joo has informed me that, due to other pressing commitments, he will be unable to continue as my Special Representative for Cyprus beyond the expiration of his current appointment on 30 April.

I have accepted his decision with much regret and wish to place on record my warm appreciation for his dedicated work in the last twelve months.

I am determined to pursue intensified efforts to bring about a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus issue. In that regard, I hope that in the next two or three months it will be possible for me to convene direct talks between the two leaders. To this end, I have decided to appoint Mr. Diego Cordovez of Ecuador as my Special Adviser on Cyprus with effect from 28 April. His primary task will be to prepare and assist me in chairing the next rounds of the inter-communal talks.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi ANNAN

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